

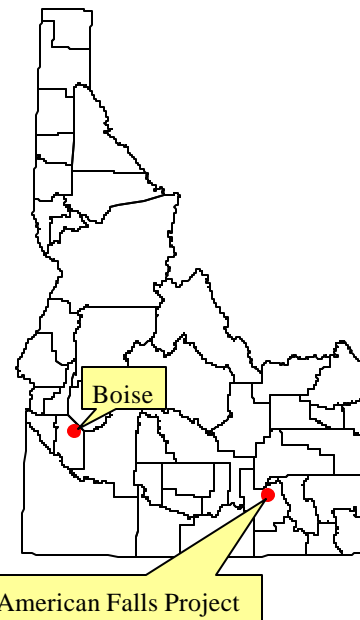


American Falls Water Quality Update September 2006 Sampling Event

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The American Falls monitoring project began as a result of high nitrate concentrations detected in ground water at dairy and domestic wells northeast of American Falls, Idaho. Eleven wells were sampled in September 2006 for a variety of constituents, with a focus on nitrate (see map below). Well logs show alternating layers of sand and clay overlying gravel and/or sandstone with static water levels ranging from approximately 25-65 feet below ground level (BGL). Domestic wells are generally completed open hole in the gravel or sandstone with casing depths at approximately 200-300 feet BGL. Ground water flow direction is approximately to the west or southwest.

In September 2006, two wells exceeded the EPA drinking water standard of 10 mg/L for nitrate; the maximum nitrate concentration in a well was 16 mg/L (see table below). Fecal coliform was not detected in any wells during the sampling event.



Nitrate concentration distribution and statistics in all wells sampled, Sept. 2006

Concentration Range (mg/L)	September 2006 # wells (% wells)
0.0 to 5.0	6 (55%)
5.0 to 10.0	3 (27%)
> 10.0	2 (18%)
Total	11 (100%)

Nitrate Concentration Statistics September 2006	
Mean	5.5 mg/L
Median	3.3 mg/L
Maximum	16 mg/L

American Falls Nitrate Concentrations, September 2006

